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To commence this study let us read the entire chapter 3 of second Peter. You will see why this is important.

2 Peter 3: 1-18;

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour.

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water.

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water; perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness.

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in grace, and *in the* knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be glory* both now and for ever. Amen.

Take note of verse 13: 'Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness'. He speaks of the heavens being on fire and shall be dissolved, and of the elements that shall melt with fervent heat in verse 12. Well, I've said before that we must use our imagination; nevertheless we can only do so as far as our own knowledge extends. One cannot stretch your imagination further than that. But here we can already realize that we are living in tremendous times. I'm going to describe more of this to you and also show you other scriptures in the Bible to complete the picture.

Isaiah 65:17-25;

17 For; behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

(This is a tremendous thought that upon that new earth and in the new heavens houses will be built and vineyards planted and the fruit thereof will be eaten).

22 They shall not build, and another inhabits; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, - - - -

(So, there will be wolves and lambs, but their nature will be different, they will feed together).

- - - - and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

To those of you who have attended my Bible studies for some time now, I have explained that in prophetic language, when the Bible speaks of a mountain it is referring to a kingdom. In other words they will not hurt or destroy "in my entire holy kingdom", says the LORD.

Perhaps here, we can use some imagination. Not until television came, had we seen much of the violence taking place all over the world. We've seen the violence in Soweto and the things which followed after that. So, we have an idea of what violence can be like, although we have no idea of what is still up ahead. Nevertheless, we can picture the contrast of it to a certain extent, when it will all be over and the LORD creates the new heavens and the new earth, and nothing of the former violence will ever be heard of again.

Won't it be a wonderful time to live in? This is what the Bible is crying out, and what the LORD envisages for us to live in, in such an age. This is what the LORD in his great mercy and also by the resurrection, has made provision for us. Let's also read this verse in Isaiah 66:22

Isaiah 66:22

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

This is God's promise to his people Israel, of whom, I believe, the White Protestant Western Nations are the core. But this is a complete study on its own and is available on CD and the website, as well as in book form: 'The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel': All these things are interwoven and as I've shown you over a long period in these studies, how that everything happening in the world today is significantly connected.

This entire plan of God with the new heavens and the new earth as its main focus could be thwarted by Satan if he succeeds in destroying God's people. For as a building would collapse if the cornerstones are removed, likewise, this entire plan of God would fail. Perhaps this is the reason why so many people get bored with the Bible and do not come to real faith,

because they do not understand the glorious meaning of God's plan. And this is the urgency of our hearts in these days, that Israel may fully understand these things.

Without trying to be dramatic, and I know also that when the hour comes, I will need the LORD'S grace; but from the depth of my heart I believe that when you grasp this truth, you will also be willing to die for it. Then you will understand why so many millions of Christians in ages past, were willing to die for their faith, with this vision of the plan of God and a revelation of that contact with the LORD, you will know that this knowledge is vital to the Christian faith: You cannot die, for you have already received eternal life.

This was the strength of the martyrs and it was the spirit that shone from them that caused the entire Roman Empire, after 300 years, to turn to the Christian faith during Constantine's reign. How did they convince those heathens? In many ways, but the crux thereof, according to the writings of the historicist, was the fact that they were not afraid. When they were burnt at the stake in the "Colosseum" (this was the sport of the heathen) and thrown to wild animals, these people seemed as if they had already conquered death and they were fearless.

They questioned this secret of the Christians and started to search the word of the LORD and the gospel and then they saw it. And many came to repentance! But as far as history is concerned – scholars say that as the economy runs in cycles, even so does history: history repeats itself.

This is true in many aspects, and I feel that as far as the history of the Christian dispensation is concerned, we have completed the cycle, and are now at the point once more, where the wheel started turning before. As in those times when our LORD Jesus died, it was a time when God visited the earth; with the birth of his Son and the price He paid: the time is here again when a visitation of God is near. Yet this time it will be in glory and majesty to drive that Plan to its full climax and to establish God's Government upon the earth. But this will also lead to the final clash of the ages between God and Satan.

We are living in the times we've been reading about in Peter, when the heavens will pass away and the elements of the earth will melt; the times of the hydrogen bombs, not so? We are living in the times when the "super" nations have all these things at their disposal, to use on each other, and of which scientists admit to the possibility that a chain reaction can start and spontaneously ignite the elements and set them on fire. This is where God

intervenes and faces Satan in the final battle when these things crystallise into the material – become visible.
We read about this warfare in the Bible! But we will see more of it and how this will lead up to the transition.

Let us read the following scriptures:

Isaiah 2: 2-5

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Micah 4:1-4;

1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*.

Isaiah 11: 1-9;

1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his lions, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child will lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

And then let us also read Hebrews 12: 25-29;

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape,* if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

27 And this *word,* yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be removed, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

We will see more of that as we continue. Thus: The promise of "new heavens and a new earth" is found in four portions of scripture in the Bible namely:

Isaiah 65: 17;

17 For as the new heavens and the new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isaiah 66: 22-24;

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

Read 2 Peter 3: 10-13 again.
Also Revelation 21: 1 to Revelation 22: 5
We will read only verses 1-4, but trust that you will read the entire portion, it is truly a wonderful chapter to read in the Bible.
'The new heavens and the new earth.'
Revelation 21: 1-4;

1 AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And so it goes on!
It is wonderful to read. Then he continues to describe the beauty and the majesty of the new city and that the tabernacle of God is with the people. The old idea, and it is quite a vague idea, is one that people can't really describe. They might say: well, if you're saved and believe in the LORD Jesus, then you'll go to heaven one day.
What heaven is like, no one can really tell you. But when you read the Bible, the picture, the motive and the purpose is the other way around; **the triumph is not in the fact that man goes to God but that God is coming to man**. The tabernacle of God is going to be with us, on a new earth and under a new heaven. This is described in many scriptures of the Bible. What a wonderful climax and we're going to see more of this further on.

Firstly, let us look at “new heavens and a new earth” We speak of “heavens”. How many of us have realized that the Bible clearly speaks of three heavens. And all three of these heavens are described very carefully to us so that we might understand them in order to know what heaven means. Let’s look at the three heavens.

Three Heavens

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians as follows:

> I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth); such an one caught up to the third heaven. (2 Corinthians 12:2.)

Read 2 Corinthians 12: 1-4;

1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the LORD.
2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth); such an one caught up to the third heaven.
3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

The man was caught up into the third heaven.
Paul says: “Whether in the body or out of the body, I cannot tell”, in other words there is the possibility that the person could have been caught up into the third heaven within his body.
We know of Enoch who was not because God took him.
We also read of Elijah who went up in a fiery chariot and horses, and this the Bible describes to us but who says they were the only ones? Here is a man of whom Paul speaks, in other words the possibility already existed in Paul’s time; for he knew of someone who had gone up to the third heaven either in his body or out of his body.
The point is that there is a third heaven – think upon that; and I will describe it to you further on.
The Bible thus speaks of three heavens.

According to Scripture these three heavens can be identified as follows:

a) The first heaven

The atmosphere around the earth. This contains the “air”, and is the domain in which our clouds form and from where our rain comes.
It is referred to in the following scriptures:

Read:
Genesis 1:8 – the creation tale:

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Psalm 77: 16 – 17;

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

Psalm 104: 2 – 3;

2 Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who stretched out the heavens like a curtain:

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Genesis 7: 11;

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Genesis 8: 2;

2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

This refers to the great flood. And this is the first heaven, also scientifically proven. Especially now with our space-travelling through the atmosphere. It is found that the further you move through this layer of air around the earth, the thinner it gets. Mountaineers have experienced that it gets difficult to breath. But the atmosphere extends much further than mount Everest. The air gets so thin and the oxygen decreases until you reach a point where it separates, where the atmosphere stops – this is the first heaven.

b) The second heaven

The domain above our atmosphere, where the stars and planets are. In this region there is no air or any vapour at all to diffuse the light from the sun, moon and stars. The result is pitch darkness, except for the objects in the direct line of light from the sun. In this domain of darkness, the demons have their abode. Space travellers have confirmed that it is pitch dark there. As we know, for most of us learnt this in primary school already, that the reason we have light even where the sun does not fall directly on an object, is as a result of the air and dust particles which reflect the light of the sun. But outside of the atmosphere, it is pitch dark, because of the absence of air and dust particles to reflect light. And as I've mentioned

earlier, it is assumed that Satan and his demons live there. And this is a reality.

Genesis 15: 5;

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them - - - - -

(This now is the second heaven, where the stars are.)

- - - - and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

This you will also find in more or less the same context in:

Genesis 22: 17;

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Genesis 26: 4;

4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Deuteronomy 1: 10;

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

Let us now look at:

Isaiah 13: 10;

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine,

Isaiah 14: 13;

13 For thou hast said in thine heart - - - - -

(This speaks of Lucifer as Satan)

- - - - I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

A study on the devil according to the Bible's teaching is in the process of beings translated into English. However it is available in Afrikaans.

The apostle Paul writes to the Ephesians:

Ephesians 6: 12;

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood - - - - -

(Listen carefully!)

- - - - but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places.*

Please read Daniel chapter 10, this is one of the most remarkable chapters in the Bible. It describes the battle between an angel of God, and these

princes of Satan in the second heaven, this present darkness around us. This angel of God was on his way with a message from heaven to give to Daniel who was busy praying on earth.

This is a summary thereof:
In Daniel 10 we read how Daniel was praying concerning a prophecy for his people of which the time of fulfilment had come. An angel reached him only three weeks later with the answer from heaven. He said to Daniel that God had heard him since the first day of his prayers, but that a demonic prince who ruled over the kingdom of Persia from the "air" – (the second heaven), had resisted him for 21 days, – see (Ephesians 6: 12) He couldn't get through until the archangel Michael came to his assistance.

You will find another description in:
Revelation 12: 7-12;

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which
deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.

12 Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhibiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

This shows that the angels of God fight on behalf of the people of God and that the angels of Satan fight on behalf of the heathen nations. The Bible shows very clearly that in the last battle immediately before the coming of Christ, the angels will play a very prominent part in protection and gathering of the elect of God.
You can read also in:
Matthew 13: 39, 43, 49;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear:

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.

Matthew 16: 2;

2 He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be* fair weather: for the sky is red.

Matthew 24: 31;

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 25: 31;

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

2 Thessalonians 1:7

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the LORD Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

Hebrews 1:14;

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Read our study on: "The Great Tribulation", also available on CD. The study on angels is in the process of being translated. A book is available in Afrikaans.

c) The third heaven

The place where God dwells and is far above the first and second heavens. Read again the words of Paul in:

2 Corinthians 12:2 "I knew a man ….. caught up to the third heaven".

In Hebrews 4: 14 we read the following concerning Jesus:

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

He passed through the heavens, in other words, when Jesus ascended into heaven as we call it, He went through the first heaven – the atmosphere, and He went through the second heaven where the stars and planets move, and into the third heaven where God re-sides.

Read the following in:

Hebrews 7: 26;

26 For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.

Genesis 1: 1;
1 IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
Isaiah 14: 12 – 14;
12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.
Isaiah 61: 1;
1 The Spirit of the LORD God *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to *them that are bound;*
Revelation 21: 2, 10;
2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

Heavens – (Atmosphere and region of planets) contrasted with heaven – (where God dwells.)
In Matthew 3: 16-17 we read;
16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens (Ouranoi in Greek) were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
17 And lo a voice from heaven (Ouranos in Greek), saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

We find these same Greek words in the account according to: Mark 1: 10 - 11. In other words, He saw the veil of the first and second heavens drawn apart and heard the voice of the Father coming from the third heaven.

These Greek words occur in Mark 1: 10 – 11 as well.
The Greek word **Ouranoi** for heavens also occurs in 2 Peter 3: 5, 10, 12 – 13; and it deals with the judgement by fire of the heavens and the earth that are now, and the creation of the new heavens (first and second) and the new earth.

These heavens are the first heaven, because it could be seen with the naked eye. Let's read Matthew 24: 29;

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Ephesians 4: 10 say:

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.

This of course speaks of the LORD Jesus.

This, together with Daniel 10, Revelation 12: 7 – 12 and Ephesians 6: 12 refer to the region above our atmosphere from whence the stars will fall, the domain of pitch darkness from where Satan and his demons wage their war against mankind.

But now there are three more aspects for us to look into, namely three dispensations or three divisions.

Three Dispensations

The Bible contains an authentic and reliable history of the earth on which we dwell, and of its origin.

There are three main divisions or dispensations.

It is sometimes translated in the Bible as "worlds", but is actually periods, ages or dispensations.

In many places in the New Testament the word "worlds" is translated from the Greek word "**Cosmos"** meaning actually world order or arrangement.

Thus we read for instance in:

Matthew 24: 3;

3 And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

The Revised version translates the phase "end of the world" as "the consummation of the age". The Greek word here is "Aion", meaning that the world was going to come to an end in the sense of being destroyed completely; they correctly understood him as having foretold the end, or consummation of the age in which they lived, and they wanted to know when it would be.

The time has now come for startling new truths to be revealed concerning these three "worlds" or ages or dispensations. As we come closer and closer to the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, the arising of the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His Wings, things which before have been

hidden from us, will now begin to unfold more and more. Let us identify these three dispensations:

The Three Dispensations Identified

The apostle Peter gives very appropriate names to three periods or ages, or "worlds" into which the history of the world can be subdivided: and we will find all three in that first passage of 2 Peter 3 which we've read.

a) The first world

2 Peter 3: 6;

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.

b) The second world

2 Peter 3: 7;

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men.

c) The third world

2 Peter 3: 13;

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Allow me to explain:
The Apostle Peter pointed out three dispensations – the first one was the dispensation as from creation, or at least as explained to us in the Bible. But I prefer to call it the re-creation where it begins after the LORD had created everything and then He created Adam. In between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 there is a gap which could be millions of years wide, between that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"; and then the second verse: "And the earth was without form, and void"; the original Hebrew **"tôhûw"** – and **"bôhûw"** reads – "and it became without form and void".

Therefore, we will start where it "became void" and God said: "let there be light". This is the period from about 6,000 years ago. That was the first dispensation; that first creation, as it was before the flood and which we will discuss more broadly further on.

The second dispensation or time is now since the flood up until the second coming of the Lord Jesus, and this dispensation is drawing to a close when the "heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt

with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up". This is the second dispensation in which we are now living – the sun, the clouds, etc.

Here where we live in Southern Africa the rain season is in summer, and in winter the rain falls in the Western Provinces. We know our climate, our rainfall etc. The time in which we now live is this dispensation.

But now the Bible speaks of a third dispensation, or a third world. That is when these heavens have passed away with great noise, the time of the new heavens and the new earth. But first let's go back to the first dispensation, before the flood. How did the world look then – you will be surprised to see how different it was.

The First World

The period of the first world covers the time from creation as described in Genesis until the Deluge. This first world was totally unlike the world, as we know it today. There was a huge ring or canopy of water around the earth.

Read Genesis 1: 7, 8, 10;

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: And God saw that *it was* good.

This ring or canopy of water around the earth, according to Job 37:18 (a molten looking glass). It reflected all the direct rays of the sun back into space, and kept all the radiation of heat from the earth, down to a minimum. This gave to the earth an even climate from the equator to the poles, creating ideal conditions for luxurious plant growth. Man and beast therefore lived in an ideal climate – no wonder man lived to an age of hundreds of years and some animals grew to colossal sizes.

The fact that there was no "rainbow" until after the Flood is proof that the sun never shone directly upon the earth. There was also no rain, upon earth, as we know it, until after the Flood; a mist watered the earth.

Read Genesis 2: 5 - 6;
5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.
6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

No mention is made of heat, cold, winter or summer, seedtime or harvest, until after the flood:
This is of the utmost importance, in other words this was a type of world we've never known. This was a world completely different to the one we know.
And after the flood all this was changed, as in
Genesis 8: 22;
22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

The first rainbow appeared on earth only after this huge girdle of water had dropped down from the skies unto the earth:
Genesis 9: 13;
13 "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth".

As mentioned above, this even climate underneath the canopy of water, caused the luxuriant growth of plants, and that in turn favoured the development of the colossal dinosaurs with the skeletons of some up to 90 feet long.

The food and living conditions were so ideal that man lived for centuries.
Adam was 930 years old when he died – (Genesis 5:15).
Noah was 950 years old – (Gen. 9:29).
Methuselah was 969 years old – (Gen 5:27).
After the flood the life span of man shrunk to 120 years, and later it came down even further to 70 or 80 years – (Gen. 6: 3; Psalm 90: 10).

Psalm 90: 10 says:
10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

That first world, the world that then was, (that is now until the flood) had no great oceans. The latter came into existence as a result of the flood, when the water ring around the earth plunged down, and flooded the earth. After

the flood, just enough water evaporated back into the air to make the mountain ranges appear, which are now our continents, as we know them today in the world. The remainder of the water, which did not go back to its place above the firmament, comprises our great oceans, which cover 71% of the total face of the earth.

Read 2 Peter 3: 5 – 6;

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water.

6 Whereby the world that then was (the first world) being overflowed with water, perished.

Let's take a closer look at what actually happened; and what the Bible means "the floodgates of heaven were opened". That mass of water that surrounded the earth and protected it from the cosmic radiation, thereby ensured that the earth had a perfect climate from the equator to the poles. When the flood came (that was the judgement) that mass of water fell upon the earth.

Scientists think that the tremendous weight of water falling upon the earth in such a short time (40 days and 40 nights – Gen. 7:12) tilted the axis of the earth. It is this "skew ness" of the earth's axis in relation to the sun that brings the seasons about. The canopy of water must have been in an icy state, being so high. That is why at the Poles, some animals were found not many years ago, with their meat in such a perfect state of preservation that the explorers were able to roast some of it over fire. In their stomachs were found the remains of tropical plants. We all know that seasons are caused by "skew ness" of the "axis" of the earth in relation to the sun. As the earth revolves around the sun and as that "axis" positions itself in different angles in regards to the sun, your seasons change. But if that "axis" was vertical as the earth revolves around the sun, we would not have had seasons and with that canopy of water around the earth, it had an even climate all around.

This was the world before the flood. But that world, that dispensation was short lived, because sin came, and wickedness increased. We will discuss this in a further study on "angels". We will see how angels interbred with humans and how wickedness came upon the earth. This is all in the Bible, and people know nothing about it. The first world or dispensation was short lived.

First World of Short Duration

The first dispensation was of short duration and lasted only for a little more than 1600 years. The inhabitants were all concentrated in the land Eden. This means “pleasant valley”. The Garden of Eden was situated in the east of the valley. The people of before the flood all lived in this valley and had not discovered the rest of the world.

Read Genesis 2:8;

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Where exactly was this valley situated? By examining the course of the four rivers that flowed through this valley we will be able to determine its locality.

Read Genesis 2: 10 – 14;

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Hávilah where *there is* gold;

12 And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth towards the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

Before we begin to trace the courses of these four rivers carefully on a map of Bible lands, we must remember that the flood, according to calculation, had raised the level of the existing seas by 4,5 Kilometres! All the valleys and many of the cities and their surrounding countryside were flooded and are at present under the sea. Thus for example, what were the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf, valleys and portions of the riverbeds of these above-mentioned rivers, before the flood?

The Red Sea was of course the riverbed of the River Gihon, which compasseth (flows around) the whole land of Ethiopia (Cush). The Pison, again flowed around (compassed) the whole land of Havilah, that is Arabia. The Hiddekel is the River Tigris and the Euphrates still has the same name today – they both flow into the Persian Gulf.

When we carefully follow the contours of Arabia and the horn of Africa around Ethiopia, we will see that all four these rivers must have emptied into the sea more or less at a place where the Persian Gulf and the Atlantic Ocean came together. The Garden of Eden therefore most likely lies underneath the water at a place marked on our map as the Strate of Hormuz (or Ormuz).

This is the cradle of the Human race. The fertile valleys bordered by Tigris and Euphrates are still considered to be the cradle of our civilization. This is the world that then was – (2 Peter 3: 6), the first world, that was overflowed with water and perished.
Many still think today that the story of the lost city Atlantis dates from this period. These first people in this pleasant valley (Eden) lived under such easy and ideal conditions that they soon became corrupt and extremely sinful. God had to judge them and send the Flood.
Read Genesis 6:5 to Genesis 9.

Notice on the map where the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf is and the so-called Arabian Sea, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Afganistan and Iran. Now they say, that the Pison and the Gihon rivers that flow around Hawula – Arabia (It was Hawila in the days of the Bible) and Ethiopia or Cush, the two rivers – keeping in mind that the water level had risen 4,8 km. that these were deep valleys around which these rivers flowed.

The Hiddekel or the Tigris and Euphrates flow into the Persian Gulf. To think that these rivers flowed around those countries and here they came together – there where the "Strate of Hormuz or Ormuz" lies. Many Bible Expositors who study this subject, reckon that the Garden of Eden was situated there, under this "Strate of Hormus (or Ormus)".
Here are very fertile valleys; the area where Babilon with its enormous walls was built. These are historical facts. The soil was so fertile that the city could withstand a siege indefinitely, because the land supplied so abundantly. Millions of people were supported; you read of all the tremendous wars in the days of Israel, with millions of people involved and they were all situated in this territory.

An enormously fertile territory that supported these people. And they hadn't inhabited any of the rest of the world before the flood - they lived only in these valleys.

When the flood came and covered the whole earth, so that all the people drowned except Noah and his family, the ark settled on the Mount Ararat in the North of Turkey (a mountain of more than 4876, 8m high.) After the

water subsided, only these continents, which were the mountain tops of that first world, stood out. And Noah and his family walked out into a new world.

This world was completely new to them; gone was the girdle of mist, they could look into the sky, which they had never seen before, they had never experienced summer and winter before. They had never seen hail, storms or rain. It was a new world for Noah and his family. This is important.

The Second World

Noah's New Earth

The world that was new to Noah and his family is the world in which you and I live today, but to us it is an old world. The flood lifted Noah and his family and all the animals that were with him in the ark out of that first world where they lived in the pleasant valley – (Eden) and deposited them in, to them, a new world. The ark landed on top of Mount Ararat. Which was 5165, 1 meter high.

This new earth of Noah is the earth in which we now live. The world that then was before the flood, in which Noah was born, was very different. The day that Noah stepped out of the Ark and put his feet once again on dry ground, he looked up into a sky that he had never seen before. To him, it was a "new heaven". Gone was the girdle of water which had surrounded the earth, and now the sun, moon and stars were clearly visible for the first time. Now a "rainbow" appeared in the skies when it rained, a beautiful phenomenon which they had never seen before, it was new!

The climate was different. Now all of a sudden there was summer and winter, heat and cold, seedtime and harvest. The even climate was gone! There was wind and storm and lashing rain. The sun beat down upon them from a brazen sky with relentless heat in summer. In winter the ground was covered with frost, or snow or sleet. Man, animals and plants were now openly exposed to the cosmic rays from space.

This plateau in the course of time became known as the five continents of the world, namely: Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Australia. Everything was different! To them it was a new earth. (Did they not, when they discovered America, call it the new world? And that cannot even remotely be compared with what Noah found after the flood). To Noah and his family, the only human survivors of the flood, it was indeed new heavens and a new earth!

And that is our present heavens and earth as we have them today, "The heavens and the earth which are now" – (2 Peter 3:7). We say again: For

the first time Noah and his family had to endure heat and cold, storms, hail and snow.
Read Genesis 9: 12 – 17 – covenant of the rainbow.

This plateau (table lands) on which we now live are at the coast 4,8 km above the fertile valleys of the world that then was, which is now at the bottom of our great oceans. What does not lie hidden underneath? We have never seen it before. Say that one day those waters are removed again and those areas lay bare, will it not be a new earth to us?

Noah and his descendants had to fight a hard battle for survival from now on. The life span shrunk very rapidly from almost 1,000 years to a mere 70 or 80 years. Even in our modern world with all its scientific knowledge, our chemical fertilisers, machinery, air-conditioned buildings, and so on, life cannot be prolonged.
The words of Job are only too true:
Job 14:1;
1 MAN *that* is born of woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

The Third World

The best is yet to be
Be of good courage: the best is yet to be!
I thank God, the Bible has always had a message for us, because if it didn't it would have no meaning at all. That is the message and we are the generation living on the threshold of that next dispensation. I would like to show you that the Bible gives us enough information about it so that we can see exactly what it is going to be like.
So keep faith: The best is on its way!
There are glorious promises in the Bible of a third world (or era or period).
- A new heaven and a new earth:
2 Peter 3: 13;
13 "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness".

Here all things will be restored; all the labour, fear, anxiety and care will disappear, even death shall ultimately be no more!

Imagine if something could happen to take the seas up into the air again, and to spread it out around the earth like a girdle once more, and something could happen to pull the earth up on its "axis" to a vertical position in respect to the sun again. Will that not be a new earth and new

heavens for those who live on such an earth? What if you and I could live on that earth, because that is the promise given to us in the Bible.
Won't it perhaps be that "old" earth on which Noah lived before the flood? Keep it in mind.
Let us look at what the Bible says about that. Our LORD Jesus gave the name: "Kingdom of God" to the coming third world or dispensation.
He taught us to pray:
Matt.6:10
10 "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as *it is* in heaven"
Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of God. He is the second Adam who will reign over this new world, this Paradise Regained!

The Time of Restoration of all Things

Read these very significant words in
Act 3:19 21**; (Amplified version)**
19 So repent (change your mind and purpose); turn around *and* return (to God), that your sins may be erased (blotted out, wiped clean), that times of refreshing, (of recovering from the effects of heat, of reviving with fresh air) may come from the presence of the LORD;
20 And that he may send (to you) the Christ, (the Messiah), Who before was designated *and* appointed for you – even Jesus,
21 Whom heaven must receive (and retain) until the time for the complete restoration of all that God spoke by the mouth of all His holy prophets for ages past (from the most ancient time in memory of man).

There cannot be a complete restoration of that which has had no previous existence. Isn't that true? How many have noticed this before? In his second sermon, shortly after the day of Pentecost (Acts 3) Peter said that the prophets spoke of these times of refreshing. At the beginning of this study we read from Isaiah, Micah, Peter and several others, but these are only a few excerpts. You will find many more portions in the Bible concerning this, if you would make a study of the prophets. We see in the following scriptures, exactly what the prophets wrote about: the restoration of all things.

If this present world is destined to be "destroyed" by fire, and if there is going to be "new heavens and new earth", then it is logical and scriptural to expect that the Creation of God will be restored again as it was before the flood. Of this creation He Himself said that it was very good. This is the coming kingdom of which we read in the following scriptures:

But before we continue, I would like to emphasize the fact that when God created man and that beautiful and perfect earth before the flood, would you not agree that it was God's original plan for mankind?

What if Adam had not sinned, and God saw that it was all good; would that not have been his intention for this child of His that He created for Himself and called "man", to live in such a world? With whom He himself could walk and talk in the cool night breeze. Because when he called: Adam where art thou? It was God who came to earth to visit with his child to speak with him and to have communion with him. But then sin came: it was an interruption of God's plan, how often do we think of God? Do we assume that man with his sin and Satan with his revolt can eventually defeat God's plan? Then, what kind of God do we serve?

No dear friend, if that first creation was good, and contained everything necessary and splendid for man to live in as He intended, would it not be a logical expectation that once the sin was settled with the death of the LORD Jesus on the cross, and his shed blood, having paid the ransom, and conquered death – that He would restore all things so that man could make it his habitation for ever?
Then God will finally dwell with man again as we read in
Revelation 21:3b; 4a (of the New Jerusalem):
Verse 3b - "- - - -Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them - - -"
Verse 4a – "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death - - - -".

That is what He intended for Adam when He made him in the beginning. The times of restitution of all things of which the prophets spoke.

I'm sure this explains the Bible more clearly to you. This is what is described to us:
Daniel 2:44;
44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall **never** be destroyed: and the kingdom shalt not be left to other people, *but it* shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.
Compare: Luke 1: 31 – 33; Dan. 7: 14 – 17; Rev. 11: 15.

Isaiah 2:2 (Ampl.)
2 It shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be (firmly) established as the highest of the

mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

This is how the prophets describe how wonderful it will be.

Isaiah 9: 6 – 7 (Ampl.)

6 For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father (of Eternity). Prince of Peace.

Compare: Luke 2: 11; Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Eph. 5: 14)

7 Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom; to establish it and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from that *latter* time forth, even forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Compare: Dan. 2:44; 1 Cor. 15: 25 – 28; Heb.1: 8.

Take note of the word “government” in the scriptures quoted above, and compare it with “the complete restoration of all that God spoke”, in Acts 3:21, and with these words in Genesis 1: 26 (Ampl.)

Genesis 1: 26

26 God said, Let Us (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the (tame) beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.

Also read Revelation 21: 4 (Ampl.)

4 God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish – sorrow and mourning – nor grief nor pain any more; for the old conditions *and* the former order of things have passed away.

Compare: Isaiah 25:8; Isiah 35:10

The Capital

The new Jerusalem will be the capital of the new world and the throne of David, it’s a literal throne. Read 2 Samuel 7 and Psalm 89.

The angel said unto Mary:
Luke 1: 31 – 33 (Ampl.)
31 And listen! You will become pregnant and will give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.
32 He will be great (eminent) and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His forefather David.
33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end.
Compare: Isaiah 9: 6 – 7; Daniel 2: 44.
The Apostle James quotes the following in:
Acts 15: 16 – 18 (Ampl.)
16 After this I will come back, and will rebuild the house of David, which has fallen; I will rebuild its (very) ruins, and I will set it up again,
17 So that the rest of men may seek the LORD, and all the Gentiles upon whom My name has been invoked,
18 Says the Lord, Who has been making these things known from the beginning of the world.
Compare: Amos 9: 11, 12; Jer. 12:15; Isaiah 45:21.
Peter writes:
2 Peter 3:13(Ampl.)
13 But we look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness (uprightness, freedom from sin, and right standing with God) is to abide.

Where will this new earth be situated?
The prophets speak of a day in the future, when there will be no more seas (oceans):
Revelation 21:1
1 AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea".

The phrase "were passed away", in this passage, was translated from the: Greek word "Parerchomai" which means:
"Passed by before me" or "came into view".
In other words, John saw how this present world changed and was translated from its present state into that of the first heavens and the first earth when there was no sea. The Greek word **"**Parerchomai" also bears the meaning of passing or changing from one state into that of another.

In his "Analytical Concordance", Robert Young gives us the meaning of: to "pass by before your eyes", *not* destruction! This is of the utmost

importance. In Matthew 26: 39, 42, where Jesus pleaded with the Father to let the cup pass away if possible, the word “Parerchomai” is also used in the original Greek.
Matthew 26: 39, 42;
39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.
42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.
In both cases “Parerchomai”, the same as in Rev. 21: 1.

In his “Annotated Reference Bible” Dake states emphatically that the word “Parerchomai” never means destruction. In Mark 6: 48; Luke 18: 37; Acts 16:8, this same word is used for where the one person passed the other by.

We therefore state it again:
John saw the first heaven and the first earth of before the flood, pass by before him; and it was to him a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, because he had never seen it before, the same as it will be new to us when we shall see it. He saw the oceans taken up into the skies again, and the 71% of the surface of the earth which they had covered, became visible once more. It was upon this “new earth” that he saw the **new Jerusalem** descend from heaven.
Compare: Isaiah 65: 17; 66: 22.

The correct meaning of Rev. 21:1 is therefore as follows:
Verse 1 “AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth as God originally created them, came into view as they passed by before my eyes. (in vision), as there was no more sea to cover the 71% of the surface of the first earth.”
That is the correct translation, with its correct meaning of Revelation 21:1.

The best portions of the earth have therefore never yet been inhabited, but have been preserved for those who shall inherit the kingdom; those who shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world (the third age or dispensation) and the resurrection from the dead –
Luke 20: 35;
35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world - - - - (or dispensation)
- - - - and the resurrection from the dead
Would you not want to live in that time?
You can obtain it by truly giving your heart and your life to King Jesus!

The Earth Destined to be the Everlasting Habitation of Man

All the prophets foretell that the earth is destined to be the everlasting habitation of man.
Is that not the purpose for which God created Adam? Is that not what Jesus the second Adam came to restore?
Has Jesus not promised the earth to the meek? - (Matt 5:5).
Shall the redeemed out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation not reign as kings and priests on the earth? (Rev. 5: 9, 10).
The born again shall enter the kingdom – (John 3: 3, 5, 7).
This kingdom that is not only in heaven, but also on earth – (Matt.6: 10).

The Prophet Isaiah writes:
Isaiah 11: 9;
9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
Compare Hab. 2: 14 ….” waters cover the sea”.
Ezekiel 36: 35 (Ampl.)
And they shall say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and the desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.

Ezekiel 37: 27 – 28 (Ampl.)
27 My tabernacle or dwelling place also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
28 Then the nations (heathen, - K.J.Version) shall know, understand *and* realize that I the Lord set apart *and* consecrate Israel for holy use, when My sanctuary shall be in their midst for evermore.

How Shall These Things Be?

In the third chapter of his second epistle Peter tells us very clearly how it is going to happen.
It will come to pass through a demonstration of the power of God that mankind shall never forget.

You must make sure to read our study on “The great tribulation” where we write about the terror that will accompany the end of the world that now is, to make room for the third dispensation, that is “The new heavens and The new earth”!

Armageddon and the Great Day of God almighty

The Apostle Paul writes:
2 Peter 3: 7, 10.

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now; by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

This means that in this judgement by fire, all the works of man, church, economic and everything that is not of God, will be burned up, in order that all that is of God, and therefore eternal, may remain.
See Hebrews 12: 25 - 28;

1) "The New Dutch Translation" translates the "burned up" as follows: "En de aarde en de werken daarop zullen gevonden worden."
2) "Ivan Panin" in his "Numeric English New Testament": uses the word "discovered".
3) "The Revised Version" states in a foot-note:" the most ancient manuscripts read **discovered**".
4) "The New English Bible" reads: "will be laid bare".

And this together with the whole context as we have seen thus far, shows us that: At the time of the judgement by fire, the heat will be so intense that, together with "the whirlwinds of God" (to be explained), the oceans will be laid bare and the "foundations" of the earth will be discovered. The heavens, that is the atmospheric heaven and the planetary heaven, will be changed back to the state of the first two heavens before the Flood, which to us will be completely new!
Compare Psalm 18: 7-15; Isa. 45: 18; Isa. 51: 6; 2 Sam. 22: 16; Nahum 1: 3-6.
God's Word speaks of the "great whirlwinds" of the LORD, and of the slain that will be in that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth.
See Jeremiah 25: 31-33.

We read in Jeremiah 30: 23 – 24 (Ampl.)

23 Behold, the tempest of the Lord has gone forth with wrath, a sweeping *and* gathering tempest; it shall whirl *and* burst upon the heads of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger *and* indignation of the Lord shall not turn back until He has executed *and* accomplished intents of His mind *and* heart. In the latter days you shall understand this.

Read also Ezekiel 1: 4; and 22 Thess. 1: 7 – 11.
It is a well known fact that huge hurricanes have already sucked large masses of water into the skies as they passed over the sea and in some instances have literally "licked" reservoirs and small lakes dry. Wait until the "whirlwinds of the LORD" begin to move across our rivers and lakes!

One single Hydrogen bomb explosion has a luminosity of 500 suns at a distance of 40 miles from its centre! The fireball alone has a diameter of 6,4 kilometres.

Every living creature within a radius of 32 km will be destroyed completely. The smoke and ash of the explosion plumes like a huge mushroom for 24,384 m. (80,000 ft.) up into the air. Winds of hurricane force press in from all sides towards the centre to fill up the vacuum thus created by the huge "bubble" that has been propelled into the air by this intensive heat. The rotation of the earth gives to those in-rushing winds their whirling action.
What will happen when huge numbers of these bombs begin to explode at once? And when God opens the arsenals of heaven as well and pours out His fury upon the earth? You can well imagine the noise and thunder when the elements begin to burn and the heavens begin to pass away with a "thunderous crash" (Ampl.) The word for heavens there is "ouranoi" and means the expanse of the atmospheric heaven, but it is also the root word for uranium, the basic element contained in the hydrogen bomb.

It is therefore very definitely an atomic fire as described in 2 Peter 3:10.
That will be the nature of this judgement by fire that will strike this present heaven and earth, cleanse it and change it, to renew it into "the new heavens and the new earth" as it was when it originally came "new and fresh" out of the hand of the Creator.

That will take place at the time of the second coming of Christ, at the beginning of the Millennium, and not after the thousand years of peace. Why should judgement fall upon an earth over which Christ has already reigned for 1,000 years? You will see this when you study 2 Peter 3, very carefully.

The fire that comes down upon Gog and Magog of Revelation 20:9, at the end of the thousand years, only applies to those nations that will be deceived by Satan to move up against the saints and the beloved city.

There is no mention here of elements that will burn with fervent heat or heavens that will pass with a great noise.

Are you ready?

2 Peter 3: 13 – 14;

13 Nevertheless we, accoding to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

(This commences with the 1,000 years Reign of Peace, See Isaiah 2: 1-5; Micah 4:1-4).

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye looking for such things, be diligent that ye may be found in him in peace, without spot and blameless.

Are you ready?

Something about the Author

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Very early in his life he came to realise that man himself is the cause of all wars, depressions, famine, droughts, disease, and misery here on earth.

He saw that God had given his absolute Law to Israel, his chosen people and had promised that should they live thereby they would be free of all adversity and would then act as God's exemplary nation on earth.

A matter of importance, which became clear to Neser, was that Israel was neither the Jew nor the Church. It was with gratitude that he eventually discovered the great truth, namely that Israel was in fact the Germanic, Anglo-Saxon and Celtic peoples.

With the imminent Second Coming of Christ, Israel will come to a true regeneration, will be filled with the Holy Spirit and with Jesus the Messiah as their King, they will lead the world back to a state of perfect harmony with God.

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